To celebrate the centenary of the City of Harare (1890 - 1990) six buildings were selected to depict some of the historic and significant buildings constructed within one hundred years.

15c — Runhare House (1986)

The new Posts and Telecommunications Corporation headquarters was designed by Fleet Utria Architecture and built by Costain Africa Ltd. It was officially opened by the President, His Excellency Cde. Robert G. Mugabe in 1986. The building is distinctive for its combination of modern and post-modern styling.

23c — Market Hall (1894)

It is a typical brick and corrugated iron building of the Victorian civic architecture. It was built by Wilson and Richardson to plans sent from England. The Sanitary Board, later the Municipality, occupied offices in the building until 1903. Saturday morning vegetable markets took place until 1918, while during the week the Hall was hired for meetings, concerts, roller-skating and cinematograph shows. After standing derelict for many years the building was renovated in 1985 as the people's market. The original clock and curfew bell were restored in 1989.

30c — Charter House (1959)

The building was designed by the Johannesburg Architect Francis Lome for the Anglo American Corporation, successor to the British South Africa Company, and built by John Howard and Company. The foundation stone was laid by Lord Llewellyn, G.B.E. the Governor General of the then Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on 24 April, 1956 and it was opened on 29 November, 1958. Its curved facade is the most elegant of the brick faced concrete framed office blocks of the Federation period.
35c — Supreme Court Building (1927)

The building was designed by Architect W. D'arcy Cathcart as a new headquarters for the British South Africa Company. It was built by H. D. Smith. The false tiled parapet conceals an iron roof around a colonnaded court and introduced a new Italianate classical style to the town. Today it is the seat of the Supreme Court, the bench of which is presided over by the Chief Justice.

38c — Standard Chartered Bank Building (1911)

Designed by J. A. Cope-Christie and T. Sladdin for the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, this fine neoclassical building was erected by Holland Hannen and Cubitts at the height of the town’s first major building boom. The original building was three storeys including the basement vault. On the ground floor were the banking hall and offices with a separate shop at the west end. An independent staircase gave access to the lettable Standard Chambers on the first floor. The banking hall was extensively remodelled and extended in 1939 to incorporate a gallery and central dome to the designs of W. D'arcy Cathcart. The elegant baroque facade provides an imposing landmark at the junction of First Street with Robert Mugabe Road.

45c — Town House (1933)

The present Town House was built to the winning design in a national architectural competition won by Architect W. D'arcy Cathcart. The much-reduced final building was constructed by Smith and Hunter and opened by the Mayoress Mrs. J. Reid Rowland on 14 November, 1933. It has a formal free-classical style, with Roman-tiled roof and its offices arranged around a pair of Courtyards and a Central Council Chamber. It was innovative for the use of rubber flooring and steel framed windows. The floral clock was constructed in 1950 to celebrate the City’s Diamond Jubilee.
The Stamps

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Technical details

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Artist: Photos by C A Robertson

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Print colours: Black, magenta, cyan, yellow

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Printer: NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe

Printer’s Imprint: Bottom Margin, below Row 10 Column 3. Imprint printed in black
Cylinder numbers: Bottom margin below R10/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Colour register: Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R10/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Sheet Value: Bottom margin, below 10/5, printed in black.

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Print numbers:  
- 15c: 750,000
- 30c: 310,000
- 38c: 260,000
- 23c: 430,000
- 35c: 280,000
- 45c: 280,000

Issue date: 11th July 1990

Withdrawal from sale:

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Listed varieties

No listed varieties have been noted

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